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- 1. At a meeting which was held immediately after the arrest of Georg Dertinger, the ex-foreign minister of East Germany, on 15 January 1953, Otto Grotewohl made a sharp protest that ministers of his government were arrested and that he in his capacity as Ministerpresident was not informed in time. He said that as long as he was Ministerpresident he would not tolerate that Walter Ulbricht. secretary general, and Zaisser, the minister for state security, should arrest ministers without his knowledge and consent.
- 2. President Wilhelm Fieck who had to intervene to settle the conflict between Grotewohl and Ulbricht, was seemingly successful as Ulbricht's arbitrary action was disapproved.
- 3. Persons close to Grotewohl expressed the belief that Walter Ulbricht, although he lost in this conflict, would make every effort to get vengeance and to decide definitely this latent struggle in his favor.

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